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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust case settlement serves the best public interest and I hope your office finalizes it as soon as possible. While I disagree with litigation against Microsoft in the first place and think that this who case has been a waste of time and an infringement of Microsoft's rights as a free enterprise, the settlement seems the only way to allow all parties to move forward.

Under the terms of settlement it is good that Microsoft will not be broken up. The terms merely force them to disclose interfaces and protocols to competitors, design future windows versions so that software developers can promote their own products form within, and form three-person team to monitor compliance with settlement. These concession and more seem to favor competitors not consumers, but tat just verifies the opinion I had al along, that this case was politically driven from the start.

Please suppress opposition to the settlement and make this thing a reality. It is in the public's best interests for a settlement to occur.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Harter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".